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USAID Programs in 2009

The American people through USAID have provided nearly \$80 million in assistance for Turkmenistan since 1992.



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Economic Growth: USAID assists Turkmenistan in strengthening its fiscal management to create the foundation for a competitive private sector and to stimulate investment in the country (Bearing Point). Support for the Russian-language Certified International Professional Accountant program helps build local capacity for the professional standards of the accounting profession (Bearing Point). USAID also assists the development of Central Asian energy resources by promoting transparency, good governance, and integration with regional markets. Funding for Junior Achievement programs helps offer economic education to secondary-school students, while exchanges within the region and to the US foster greater understanding of private sector development, microfinance, and business education.

Investing in People: USAID works to establish and institutionalize components of health reform in Turkmenistan, with a focus on improving the quality of maternal and child health services. To improve the management of childhood illnesses, USAID trains health care providers and promotes community health in pilot sites. Programs support the implementation of the internationally recommended TB control strategy for tuberculosis (TB) control DOTS, including strengthening political commitment and human and systems capacity on prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of TB (Project HOPE, WHO). Yet another initiative focuses on developing the models for treatment of multi-drug resistant TB (KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation). To reduce the transmission of HIV and other blood-borne diseases, USAID assists the Government of Turkmenistan with implementation of its national HIV/AIDS strategy (John Snow Inc.) and in preparedness to deal with the threat of avian influenza (Development Alternatives, Inc).

Governing Justly and Democratically: USAID supports the development of civil society at the community level through training, technical assistance, and access to legal information. This includes co-funding for small-scale community projects to meet local economic development needs, as well as assistance to strengthen community relationships with their local government. USAID also works with local organizations to expand legal advice to NGOs, the media, and other organizations (Counterpart, ABA/CEELI, PACT / International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, Internews). Specialists from various sectors have an opportunity to receive training in the United States in their areas of expertise (World Learning).